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### **AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please replace the first full paragraph on page 13 with the following paragraph:

All five of these thermoacidophilic microorganisms were deposited under the Budapest Treaty on August 16 17, 2000 at the DSM and were allotted the following accession numbers:

*Alicyclobacillus* sp.: DSM No. 13652

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*Alicyclobacillus* sp. NA-20 : DSM No. 13649

*Alicyclobacillus* sp. NA-21 : DSM No. 13650

*Alicyclobacillus* sp. FJ-21 : DSM No. 13651.